



Docket No. 1482/198(e)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re: Patent Application of  
Olaf Vancura

Serial No.: 10/643,429

Filed: August 19, 2003


For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
SURVEY-BASED BONUS GAME

Group Art Unit: 3711

Examiner:

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**LETTER TO THE EXAMINER PURSUANT TO M.P.E.P. § 608.02 (r)**

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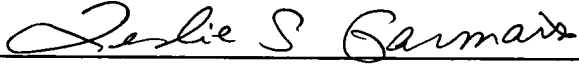
Dear Sir:

Enclosed Figures 5 and 6 correspond to Figures 5 and 6, respectively, of the parent of this application, submitted to overcome an objection in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/372,560, filed August 11, 1999. These figures were mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office along with a letter to the draftsman on July 16, 2001, a copy of which letter is enclosed as Exhibit A. The figures were subsequently approved by the Examiner in an Office Action in the parent application mailed November 11, 2001, a partial copy of which Office Action is enclosed as Exhibit B. Based on the foregoing, Applicant contends that the figures

submitted herewith are part of and fully supported by the parent application. The figures are therefore also fully supported in the present application due to its status as a continuation of the above-identified parent application. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully solicits the entry of enclosed Figures 5 and 6 in the present application. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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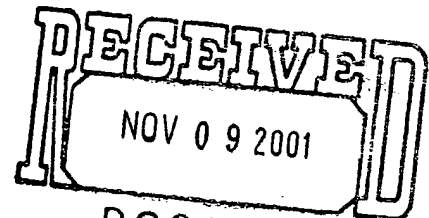
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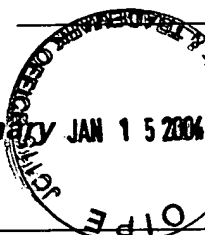


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**Exhibit B**

## Office Action Summary



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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 July 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30, 42-58 and 88-129 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 88-129 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-30 42-58 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☒ The proposed drawing correction filed on 7/16/01 is: a) ☒ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

WILLIAM M. PIERCE  
Patent Examiner

## Attachment(s)

- 15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 17) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 3
- 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 20) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_



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For: KNOWLEDGE-BASED CASINO GAME  
AND METHOD THEREFOR

Group Art Unit: 3711 ✓

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**SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED FORMAL DRAWINGS**

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Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed proposed formal drawings of Figures 5 and 6.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to give the below-listed attorney a call. If additional fees are required, please debit our Deposit Account No. 04-1414.

Respectfully submitted,

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